

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES**

December 12, 2006

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education held a workshop at 4:14p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, in the Board Room of the District Offices, 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA.

I CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Kathy Wisnicki – Vice President
Emily Bloomfield
Oscar de la Torre
Jose Escarcé
Maria Leon-Vazquez
Kelly Pye
Barry Snell

B. Pledge of Allegiance – *Led by Ms. Kelly Pye*

II Measure BB Citizens Bond Oversight Committee - Informational Workshop

A team of experts will advise the Board of Education regarding the formation, purpose, and duties of a Citizens Bond Oversight Committee as outlined by Prop 39 as well as the bond underwriting process. This workshop is intended to be the first step, post-Bond authorization in the District's efforts to not only develop plans, but to execute against these plans in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of the relevant financial accountability provisions of Proposition 39.

Given that the establishment of a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is probably one of the most significant requirements of Prop 39, this item will be addressed in as thorough a fashion as possible in order to establish, within the laws, ground rules as to how this Committee will be constituted. Attached is a six (6) page document, *Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws*, outlining bylaws, expectations, ethics policy, membership makeup; etc.

Invited to inform the Board of Education regarding this matter include representatives from Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), and Piper Jaffray.

Mr. David Casnocha with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth summarized for the Board of Education the purpose of a Proposition 39 Oversight Committee, as well as the process of creating the committee and duties assigned to and prohibited from the committee. He stressed that the duties of the committee are restricted to financial oversight only. Mr. Casnocha informed the Board that members from the Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee could also serve on the Prop 39 Committee, as long as they met the membership requirements and did not violate the qualifications standards as outlined in the bylaws.

Mr. Danny Villanueva from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) addressed the Board of Education regarding strategies for prioritizing construction

projects: short-term versus long-term goals. He reminded the Board that delays can and will occur, and to remind the Prop 39 Committee members of this. Mr. Villanueva emphasized that the school district and Board should maintain a healthy line of communication with the community, providing updates from construction projects and Prop 39 findings regularly.

Mr. Tony Hsieh and Mr. Mark Ferrell of Piper Jaffray & Co. informed the Board as to the process and timeline options for issuing bonds in relation to a prioritized project list and projected future goals. Mr. Hsieh and Mr. Ferrell clarified for the Board the differences between a negotiated versus a competitive bond issuance process, and the difference between bond financing options in regards to size and frequency.

The Board members then discussed including on a future agenda the possible creation of a second committee in addition to the Prop 39 Committee that would have more input regarding project prioritization. The Board requested from Superintendent Dianne Talarico a list of health and safety construction projects and their associated costs.

III PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments is the time when members of the audience may address the Board of Education on items not scheduled on the meeting's agenda. All speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. When there is a large number of speakers, the Board may reduce the allotted time to two (2) minutes per speaker. The Brown Act (Government Code) states that Board members may not engage in discussion of issues raised during "VIII, Public Comments" except to ask clarifying questions, make a brief announcement, make a brief report on his or her own activities, or to refer the matter to staff. This Public Comment section is limited to 20 minutes.

- *Ms. Gleam Davis, Co-Chair of the Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee, addressed the Board regarding the need to keep a clear line of communication and involvement with the community as the projects move forward.*
- *Mr. Craig Hamilton, Co-Chair of the Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee, addressed the Board regarding the need to finalize the Facilities Master Plan and use the plan to help create a priorities list.*
- *Ms. Shari Davis, Chair of Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS), suggested that the Board review final reports submitted by the ES and X Committees for an example of what the Prop 39 Committee's final report might resemble.*
- *Mr. Ralph Mechur from the Education Foundation addressed the Board regarding the need to involve the community in the facilities upgrade process and to create a process of prioritization and project completion that is clear.*
- *Mr. Harry Keiley, President of the Santa Monica-Malibu California Teachers' Association, suggested that the Board weigh the options between a smaller and a larger Prop 39 Oversight Committee.*

IV ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. Jose Escarce, seconded by Mr. Oscar de la Torre, and voted 7/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Offices, 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA.

Approved: _____


President


Superintendent